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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

27. (Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-readable instructions executable by a computer such that, when executing said instructions a computer will perform a method in accordance with claim 12.

29. (Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-readable instructions executable by a computer such that, when executing said instructions a computer will perform a method in accordance with claim 18.

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**REMARKS**

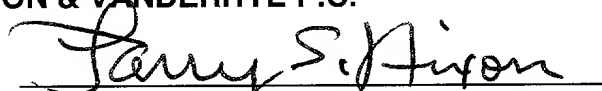
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

27. (Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-readable instructions executable by a computer such that, when executing said instructions a computer will perform a method in accordance with [any of claims 12 to 16] claim 12.

29. (Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-readable instructions executable by a computer such that, when executing said instructions a computer will perform a method in accordance with [any of claims 18 to 25] claim 18.